

Appln. No. 10/813,416

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II. Remarks

The Applicants thank Examiner Christina Johnson for the phone interview conducted last month regarding the Information Disclosure Statements filed on July 26, 2004 and August 30, 2004. During the interview, it was agreed that the return filing postcard (received on April 12, 2004) that contains the patent application number (10/813,416) is inconsistent with the application number (10/813,415) indicated on the Official Filing Receipt mailed on October 20, 2005. Copies of each of the return filing postcard and the Official Filing Receipt are attached with this Paper for the Examiner's review. Thus, the Applicants respectfully request that the Information Disclosure Statements are held as timely filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, and transferred to the correct application number (10/813,415) for consideration.

Claims 1-41 of the present application are pending. In the Detailed Action mailed November 16, 2006, the Examiner required an election of the Applicants' claimed invention under 35 U.S.C. §121. The Examiner has identified the species as follows:

- (a) Figure 1 (associated with claims 4 and 21); and
- (b) Figure 9 (associated with claims 1-3, 5-20, 22-41).

By this Paper and in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants elect without traverse species (b) covered by claims 1-3, 5-20, and 22-41.

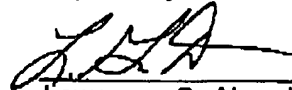
Applicants believe that the application as now claimed is in a condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

Copy of Return Filing Postcard
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